Material Datasheet — PEI (Polyetherimide)



High-temperature amorphous thermoplastic with excellent electrical properties and inherent flame resistance.

 $This\ data sheet\ is\ suitable\ for\ designers\ of\ threaded\ components\ and\ hinge\ assemblies\ made\ from\ this\ material.$

Key specifications

Item	Value
Continuous Use Temperature	≈ 170 °C / 338 °F
UL 94 Flame Rating	V-0
Density	$\approx 1.27 \text{ g/cm}^3$

Mechanical properties (typical)

Property	Test method	Typical value	Unit
Tensile strength (23 °C)	ISO 527	100-110	MPa
Tensile modulus (23 °C)	ISO 527	3.2-3.8	GPa



Thermal properties

Property	Test method	Typical value	Unit
Glass transition temperature (Tg)	ISO 11357	217	°C
HDT (1.8 MPa)	ISO 75	200-210	°C

Electrical properties

Property	Test method	Typical value	Unit
Dielectric strength	IEC 60243	18-22	kV/mm
Relative permittivity (1 MHz)	IEC 60250	3.1-3.3	_
Dissipation factor (1 MHz)	IEC 60250	0.001-0.01	_

Tribology

Property	Test method	Typical value	Unit
Coefficient of friction	_	0.25-0.35	_

Moisture & environment

Property	Test method	Typical value	Unit
Water absorption (24 h)	ISO 62	0.1-0.3	%

Chemical compatibility — high-level guidance

Good resistance to hydrocarbons and alcohols; avoid strong bases and some halogenated solvents

Assembly guidance — threaded parts & hinges

- Use a torque wrench and target application-validated torque; account for material creep/relaxation over time.
- Distribute bearing stresses with appropriate washers or flange features.
- For low-friction materials, consider prevailing-torque nuts, thread-locking, or mechanical locking features.
- Avoid sharp stress concentrators near thread run-outs and hinge knuckles; use generous fillets and radii.
- Observe service temperature, environment (chemicals/UV/steam), and moisture conditioning effects before final torque/preload selection.
- Match mating material where galvanic/corrosion or differential expansion could be a factor.